



Office of Pesticide Programs

ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT FOR EXPOSURE MODELING WORK GROUP

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Overall Vision

The Exposure Modeling Work Group (EMWG) will discuss technical model related pesticide exposure issues in the context of FIFRA and FQPA.

Mission Statement

The mission of the EMWG is to:

- Improve the quality of the science of estimating environmental exposure and provide timely support to address technical needs as defined on an annual basis by the Environmental Fate and Effects Division (EFED) of the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP).
- Provide a forum for cooperative exchange of facts and technical information on technical issues related to pesticide exposure modeling between EFED and key stakeholders with similar technical expertise.
- Center on aquatic exposure issues in the near to mid-term.

NOTE - EMWG will not discuss issues of EPA policy. Should such issues arise, they will be identified by the EFED management representative and forwarded to appropriate groups for resolution.

EMWG Organization

The EMWG is chaired by EFED (Designated co-chair of the Water Quality Tech Team). The chair will be responsible for posting Federal Register notices, and for organizing the meeting. Stakeholder input will be sought on the agenda, which will focus on technical areas that EFED would like the EMWG participants to address. The final meeting agenda will be approved by the meeting chair and should reflect relevant stakeholder input. An EFED management representative (Branch Chief level or above, or an alternate designated by the Director of EFED) will attend all EMWG meetings to ensure that policy issues are not discussed in meeting discussions. Should such issues arise, they will be forwarded to appropriate groups for resolution.

EMWG Meeting Administration

- The EMWG will meet approximately quarterly, or at the call of the meeting Chair.
- All meetings will be public with announcements of date, time, and venue made by OPP/EFED in advance (at least 30 days) in the Federal Register.
- The Federal Register notice will include a draft meeting agenda developed by OPP/EFED. Comments will be solicited on the meeting agenda, and the final agenda will reflect relevant public input.
- Space will be adequate to accommodate a reasonable number of people (up to 60 participants). The Federal Register notice will provide information regarding how to register

for the meeting, and if special accommodation is needed.

- EPA will provide a list server communications structure to share the agenda, minutes, and relevant background documents and to facilitate participation in the meeting.
- Minutes will be written for all EMWG meetings and made publicly available via the OPP web site.
- This workgroup will be examined annually and will exist until the EFED Division director determines it is no longer needed. This charter will be in effect for two years from the date it is developed, and may be renewed or revised as needed.

Membership

All meetings will be announced in advance in the Federal Register and will be open to the public. It is anticipated that core participants will be scientists with balanced representation from stakeholders, including:

EFED-OPP/EPA	NERL/EPA	NRMRL/EPA
Office of Water/EPA	OSWER/EPA	Industry
US Geologic Survey/DOI	ARS/USDA	
NRCS/USDA	NGOS	AWWA
SFIREG	Academics	Consultants

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